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1. The 8th Motorized Rifle Regiment is part of the 12th Rifle Division and is stationed at Kiskunmajsa. At present it is only a little better than half motorized, but motorization is in progress.
2. The barracks it occupied, at the southern end of the town, was completed in 1950. It is at the corner of the roads from Kiskunmajsa to Kistelek and Szeged. The barracks was made of prefabricated parts and the quality of the construction leaves a good deal to be desired. Water lines are continually breaking down, the walls bulge, and the electric wiring constantly has to be repaired.
3. The barracks consists of: a guardhouse, 10 by 10 m; a four-story building, 20 by 80 m, with a central wing 45 m long; three four-story quarters, including offices, each 30 by 120 m; two one-story depots for coal, wood, weapons and munitions; one one-story heating plant; one garage, 15 by 200 m; two one-story depots, 20 by 50 m, for uniforms, a tailorshop, a leather workshop, radio and telephone repair shop; one one-story armorer's shop, 30 by 30 m; three stables, each 15 by 120 m; a smaller stable for sick horses; two one-story munitions magazines, 15 by 40 m; a one-story guardhouse, 10 by 15 m, for the guards of the munitions magazine; a one-story gasoline storehouse, 10 by 12 m; a blacksmith's shop, 10 by 20 m; a concreted parking area.
4. The 8th Regiment [redacted] commander is Major Szilveszter Kerekes [redacted]

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5. The regimental staff consists of: Adj. Lt. Jenő Boros, [redacted] Political Officer Capt. R. [redacted] 25X1
of Staff First Lt. Vince Arany, [redacted] Propaganda Officer First Lt. Gergely Jánoska, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] a training officer, an operations officer; Evidence Officer First Lt. [redacted] 25X1
Károly Mészáros, [redacted] a mobilization officer who handles reserve 25X1
personnel; Artillery Reference Officer Lt. József Takács; Artillery Reinforce-
ment Officer Lt. István Kaszarda; three defense officers, one of whom is Lt.
Ferenc Kerekes; a communications officer, a transport officer; party secretary
Lt. Ferenc Szekeres, [redacted] a DISZ Officer, Lt. Ferenc Horvát, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] with seven clerks and couriers, one of them a woman. 25X1
6. The quartermaster group consists of: an administrative officer; a rations officer;
a magazine officer; two officers in charge of clothing; two munitions officers;
an officer in charge of cars; a regimental physician with three attached doctors;
nine clerks; four blacksmith NCOs; 12 smiths; 32 cooks; 12 tailors; 12 shoemakers;
four armorers; three arms assemblers; 26 stretcher-bearers; one veterinary; two
repair shop heads. The financial section is headed by Capt. József Bagyó, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] has one attached officer and three accountants.
7. Regimental troops. There is a communications company consisting of a radio
platoon and two telephone platoons; this company is fully motorized with Wieppon
vehicles and has five officers and 135 men. The reconnaissance company is com-
manded by Lt. József Tök, [redacted] it consists of three officers and 25X1
[redacted] men, in two platoons, equipped with Csepel motorcycles; without exception the men have
machine pistols. The technical company is commanded by Lt. István Kovács, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and has 60 men in two platoons; it is motorized, and the men are
equipped with hand tools. The AT company is commanded by First Lt. József [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and has two officers and 45 men; it is divided in two platoons, each
of which has four 45 mm guns; it is fully motorized with Wieppons, which tow the
guns. The mortar company consists of three officers and 85 men, in three platoons,
having, all told, twelve 82 mm mortars and six 120 mm mortars; fully motorized.
The accompanying battery has four officers, three NCOs and 115 men, in three
platoons, each divided into two half-platoons; it has six 76.2 mm guns, and is
fully motorized. The attack company contains six officers and 120 men, divided
into three platoons of three squads each; all the men have machine pistols. The
AA machine gun company has four officers and 80 men, divided into three platoons
of two squads each, each squad has two machine guns on Wieppon trucks. The S/P
gun battery has 12 guns. The chemical defense company has one officer and 40 men.
The train company is commanded by First Lt. János Balcsik, and is partly motorized,
with one passenger car, six trucks, 40 horses and 20 carts. 25X1
8. The 1st Battalion [redacted] is commanded by First Lt. József Pethő, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The battalion staff consists of a communications platoon, 1 officer
and 42 men; a radio platoon; two telephone platoons; a replacement platoon, 1
officer and 18 men. There is a mortar company, three officers and 105 men, in
three platoons, each having two 82 mm mortars. The machine gun company has three
officers and 100 men, in three platoons, each of three squads; each squad is
equipped with a Maxim machine gun. There are three rifle companies. 25X1
9. The 2nd Battalion [redacted] is commanded by First Lt. Ferenc Lukács, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] and is organized like the 1st. The 3rd Battalion [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] is also organized like the 1st.
10. The regiment was organized in Kiskunmajsa in the fall of 1950. The men wear
green shoulder boards. The full strength of the regiment is 1,700 to 1,800 men. 25X1
11. The regiment is visited and inspected monthly by a Soviet staff officer from
Kecskemét. High Hungarian staff officers also visit it from Kecskemét.
12. Most of the men belong to the classes of 1929 to 1931. They were recruited in
West Hungary. They are equipped with new rifles made in Hungary on the Russian
pattern. The AT guns have long barrels, shields and rubber tires. The 76.2 guns
have no muzzle brakes, but have split trails. There are 12 suits of rubber clothes
and 30 camouflage nets, belonging to the technical company. All the men in the
reconnaissance company have camouflage clothing and swimming gear.

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